



The Missouri Building Block Picture Book Award was first awarded in 1996. The award, which was designed to encourage reading aloud to children, is chosen from a list of ten titles are selected annually by a group of Missouri children's librarians appropriate for ages birth through kindergarten.

All nominations must be published within the last two years and holiday books are ineligible. Nominations can be made July through September; the committee reads nominations December-January.

Voting by children takes place September – December, votes due by January 15th and winners are announced by January 20. The new list of nominees will be released in February.

How do you promote the Building Block award in your library?



Show Me Readers Award – Picture books, easy to read aloud with strong literary value, with interest and appeal to children 6 to 10 years old.

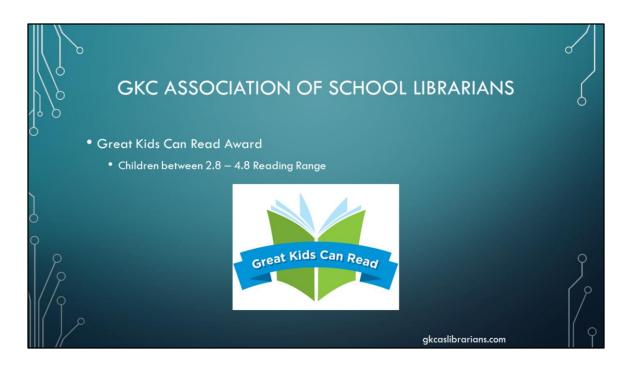
Mark Twain Readers Award – Books should be of interest to children in grades four through six and be of literary value which may enrich children's personal lives.

Truman Readers Award – Books should be of interest to children in their early teens, of literary value and enrich readers lives.

Gateway Readers Award – Books should be of interest to young adults in grades 9-12 and appear to their needs and interests.

Dogwood Readers Award – books of interest to a range of readers in grades PreK-12 and connect young readers in Missouri with quality non-fiction books to broaden their knowledge of the world. The Dogwood Award does not have a logo as of yet.

Reader/selector lists of 25-30 titles at the end of August. The Master list of nominees for the upcoming year is announced by January 20th. The master list is voted on by Missouri school children by March 15th the following year and the award is presented to the author (and illustrator of Show Me Readers Award) during the MASL spring conference.



Voting will be held in March 2021

Resources – promotional items, labels, ballots, bookmarks, and activities can be found on the website.

GKC Read program promotes reading by providing an annual nominee list of quality books for students within the 2.8-4.8 reading range. Students who read or have read to them at least four titles from the list may vote for his/her favorite. The winners are announced in April each year.



2021 Youth Media Award announcements will take place on Monday, Jan. 25, 2021 at 8 a.m. CT



February's topic – Summer Meal Program Partnerships – February 5th If you have participated in a summer meal program and would like to share your experiences, please reach out to me.